

**THE RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY
MEETING OF THE
DUNKIN' DONUTS CENTER COMMITTEE**

April 28, 2009

A meeting of the Dunkin' Donuts Center Committee of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority (hereinafter referred to as "Authority", the "CCA" or the "Board") was held on April 28, 2009, pursuant to notice, at the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Board members present were Committee Chairman, Bernie Buonanno, Commissioners, Dale Venturini, Dave Duffy, Jeff Hirsh, Paul MacDonald and Jason Fowler.

Also in attendance were Jim McCarvill, Kim Keough and Betty Sullivan, RICCA; Tim Muldoon, John McGinn, Arlene Oliva and Debbie Tuton, RICC; Larry Lepore, Cheryl Cohen, Lisa Coelho, and Jodi Duclos, Dunkin' Donuts Center; Martha Sheridan and Neil Schriever, PWCVB; Steve Habl and Patti Neves, VMA; Tom Crocker, Sportservice, and Eileen Smith, recording secretary.

Mr. Buonanno called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

Mr. Duffy asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Hirsh and seconded by Mr. Fowler it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the March meeting.

Mr. Buonanno asked Mr. Lepore to begin his report. Mr. Lepore reported that the Dunkin' Donuts Center finished the month with of March better than budget. Mr. Lepore stated that Ms. Beauchamp and Mr. Cappalli have been doing a great job in keeping costs within budget. Mr. Lepore noted several shows that had done very well during the month. He said that Monster Jam, Lil Wayne and Stars on Ice were very well attended. Mr. Lepore reported that the Providence Bruins continue to offer incentives to increase attendance to their games. He also noted that the Boston Bruins success has sparked interest in the local team. Mr. Lepore stated that the Circus is moving in this week and that the P Bruins could be playing a hockey game with elephants in the house. Mr. Lepore stated that there will be no comp tickets for any of the playoff games. He said that the league controls ticket sales during the playoffs. Mr. Lepore reminded the Committee of the economic impact events such as WWE has on the community. He said that fans were here at 8:00 am for the 7:00 pm show. Mr. MacDonald said that WWE fans are very loyal and look for an opportunity to see the wrestlers. Mr. Lepore noted that the net event related income for Indoor Car Racing was lower than expected because the building had to purchase cement barriers. He said that next year we should have all the necessary safety equipment. Mr. Lepore noted that the promoters are anxious to return. Mr. Lepore mentioned the difficulties in dealing with Feld Entertainment on

financial issues. Discussions ensued on ways to deal with the promoters so that the facility can reap more benefits for an event. Mr. Duffy thanked Mr. Lepore for a good report. Mr. Fowler said that he was surprised that Lil Wayne had done so well. Mr. Lepore reported that no beer was available at the concert. He also reported that the Dunk paid for the five extra police officers that were required by the license board.

Mr. McCarvill reported that the seating in row LL is still a problem on the east and west ends and that Track Seating is attempting to remedy the problem. Mr. McCarvill also reported that the problems with the lighted handrails in the front of the building are being addressed by City Lights and our in-house electricians. Ms. Sullivan and Mr. Lepore are making sure that everything is to our satisfaction before final payments are made. Mr. McCarvill noted that the Public Art component of the renovation will not begin until August and is scheduled for completion next June. Mr. Duffy asked about the War Memorial and if Berkley Investments was being cooperative. Mr. McCarvill said that they have been very cooperative.

Mr. Buonanno asked if there was any other business. Hearing none he sought a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Venturini and seconded by Mr. MacDonald it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn at 2:35 p.m.